



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas James McArthur Group Art Unit: 1655

Serial No.: 10/521,380 Examiner: Patricia A Leith

Filed: January 6, 2006 Confirmation No.: 2136

For: Fruit and/or Vegetable Derived Composition

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 10, 2008

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action ("the Action") mailed December 10, 2008, for which the date for response was January 10, 2009. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to April 10, 2009, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or any fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

A Listing of Claims is provided at page 2 of this paper;

Remarks begin at page 5.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.